

Sites and Ideas To Interest New Senior Computer Users

Easy communication with relatives and friends

Skype: Have 2 computers side by side, log into separate skype accounts. Chat system, voice and even video call each other

Emails: Have 2 computers side by side, log into separate emails (we have some gmail training accounts). Send emails, attachments, chat system

Easy and practical usage of Transport

- NSW InfoLine for train, bus, ferry transport (Newcastle , Sydney Wollongong at least <http://www.131500.com.au/>)
- NSW Country Link www.countrylink.info/
- Translink in Brisbane <http://translink.com.au/>
- Metlink in Melbourne www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/
- Transperth in WA www.transperth.wa.gov.au/
- Adelaide Metro in SA www.adelaidemetro.com.au/
- Maps for NT www.transport.nt.gov.au/public/

Google Maps (<http://maps.google.com.au/>)

Interesting there are some areas that Google Maps also covers public transport. Just click the green dot on the country at <http://www.google.com/intl/en/landing/transit/#mdy>

Australia

- Adelaide, SA Adelaide Metro
- Perth, WA Transperth
- Sydney Sydney Monorail & Light Rail

New Zealand

- Auckland
- Tauranga Bay Hopper
- Wellington Metlink

Taxi Fares www.taxifare.com.au/

Maps for 'Shanks Pony' can also be obtained at www.gmap-pedometer.com/ Not only lets you draw a route to walk or bicycle but shows distance and elevations on the route. Very handy but do read / print the instructions first at www.gmap-pedometer.com/gp/about/usageInstructions

Airline booking and travel

- Jetstar, www.jetstar.com
- VirginBlue www.virginaustralia.com
- webjet, www.webjet.com.au/
- flight centre, www.flightcentre.com.au/

Google Maps and Street view and its practical uses

<http://maps.google.com.au/>

www.nearmap.com

Nearmap has much more recent maps. It only covers major population areas. It includes quite handy sizing and area tools. You can't search by street number, but it will usually find a street and suburb

Accommodation booking

www.expedia.com.au/
www.wotif.com/
www.bestrates.com.au/
www.cheaperthanhotels.com.au/

Entertainment and How To

- YouTube www.youtube.com
- WikiHow www.wikihow.com
- Ehow www.ehow.com
- How To Do Things www.howtodothings.com/
- Wikipedia at www.wikipedia.org

Buy and Sell, or just browse.

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- Ebay www.ebay.com.au
- Gumtree for selling and buying stuff eg <http://newcastle.gumtree.com.au> note: no www bit. Click the Change link, top right corner to select your area.
- Quick Sales (formerly oztion) www.quicksales.com.au
- Trading Post www.tradingpost.com.au/
- or give stuff away at <http://www.freecycle.org/group/AU/>

The all important weather

- Bureau Of Meteorology (BOM)site www.bom.gov.au/ for radar and weather information
- Weatherzone www.weatherzone.com.au/

Other sites

- news,
www.abc.net.au/news/
www.news.google.com/news?ned=au
All the newspapers and media outlets

- TV programs,
www.ebroadcast.com.au/ then select your area
www.yourtv.com.au/
www.ourguide.com.au

Health – stick to reputable sites such as .gov and .edu sites. Below are all from a recent Choice report on reputable sites

www.healthinsite.gov.au
www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
www.nps.org.au
www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/
www.abc.net.au/health/
www.hon.ch is a Swiss based not for profit site to guide reliable health info